

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. Claim 21 stands rejected and Claims 22-24 have been objected to. Claims 1-20 and 25-27 have been allowed. Claims 8, 9 and 21-24 have been amended herein. The Office Action was silent regarding Claims 28 and 29 so Applicant's representative has assumed that they are allowable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the present amendments and following remarks. The above amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and to render all claims at issue patentably distinct over the references cited.

The drawings have been objected to. This objection is respectfully traversed. Nevertheless, the noted reference numbers have been added to Figure 3. Withdrawal of the instant objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being unpatentable in light of Uhlmeier (U.S. Patent No. 5,950,366). This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the originally filed claim is patentably distinct over the cited reference. Notwithstanding, the elements of the allowable dependent Claim 24 has been essentially added to Claim 21. Furthermore, the objected to dependent Claims 22 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form to essentially include their base claim elements. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the instant amendments, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner pass the case to issue at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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